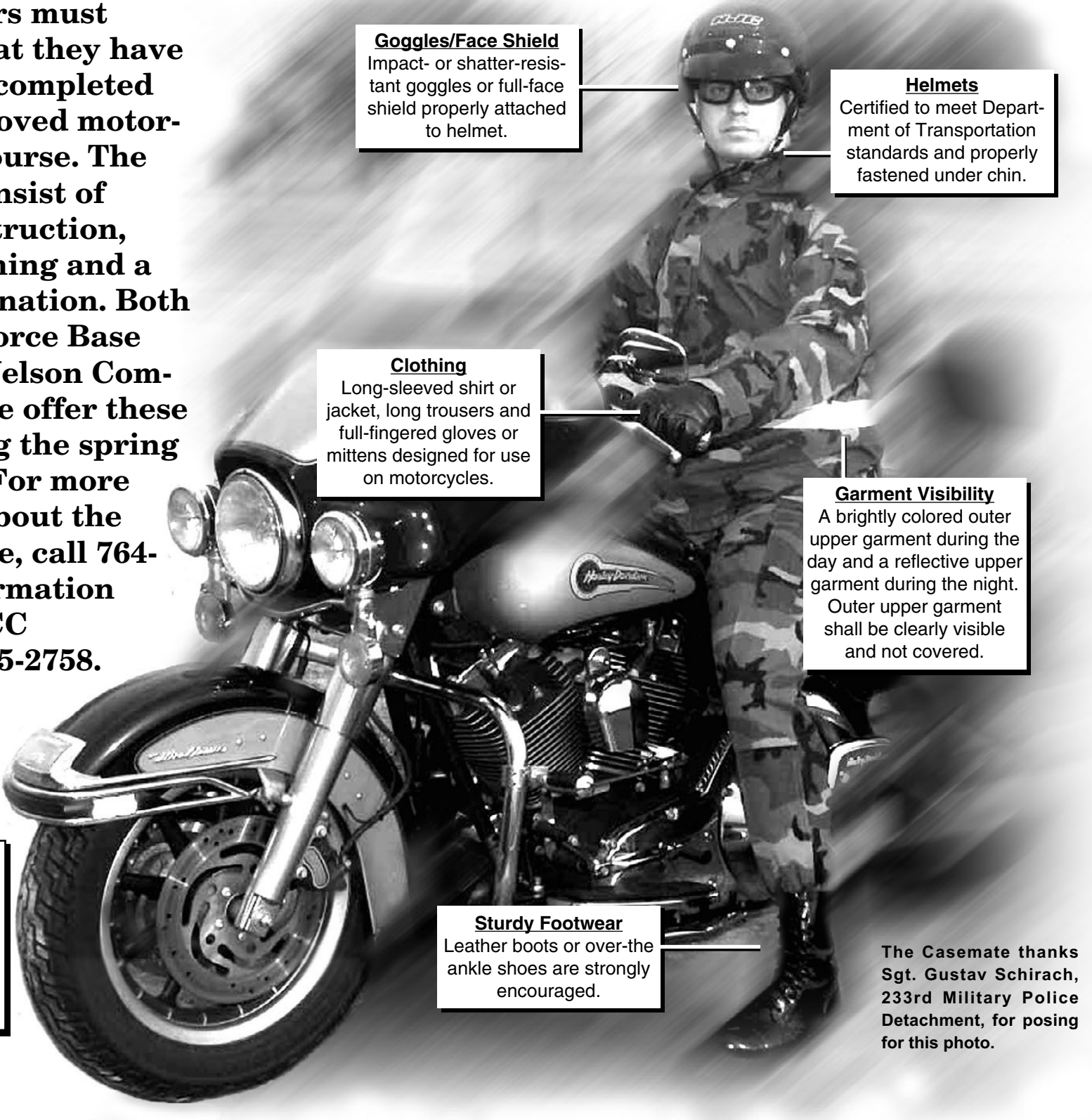


Special Presentation: Motorcycle Safety

In order to register a motorcycle or moped on post, all owners must show proof that they have satisfactorily completed an Army-approved motorcycle safety course. The course will consist of classroom instruction, hands-on training and a written examination. Both Langley Air Force Base and Thomas Nelson Community College offer these courses during the spring and summer. For more information about the Langley course, call 764-5058. For information about the TNCC course, call 825-2758.

Mandatory Protective Equipment



Goggles/Face Shield
Impact- or shatter-resistant goggles or full-face shield properly attached to helmet.

Helmets
Certified to meet Department of Transportation standards and properly fastened under chin.

Clothing
Long-sleeved shirt or jacket, long trousers and full-fingered gloves or mittens designed for use on motorcycles.

Garment Visibility
A brightly colored outer upper garment during the day and a reflective upper garment during the night. Outer upper garment shall be clearly visible and not covered.

Headlights/Mirrors
Headlights must be on at all times except when prohibited by SOFA or local laws. All motorcycles and mopeds must have two rearview mirrors (one on each side).

Sturdy Footwear
Leather boots or over-the ankle shoes are strongly encouraged.

The Casemate thanks Sgt. Gustav Schirach, 233rd Military Police Detachment, for posing for this photo.

Safety Inspection Checklist

T-CLOCK is an easily memorized and very useful tool developed by the Motorcycle Safety Foundation to assist drivers in completing a comprehensive pre-ride (or pre-purchase) inspection. A T-CLOCK inspection should be conducted every six months to ensure safe riding. The individual letters stand for the specific areas to be checked:

- T** **TIRES AND WHEELS** - Check tread depth and look for signs of excessive wear/weathering. Check tire pressure when cold. Inspect cast and rims for cracks and dents. Grab top and bottom of tire and flex; there should be no free play between hub and axle.
- C** **CONTROLS** - Check levers for cracks and proper lubrication. Ensure cables are secure without excess loops/sags and that there is no interference or pulling at steering head. Throttle should move freely and snap closed.
- L** **LIGHTS** - Ensure all lenses and reflectors are intact with no cracks or loose mounts. Look for fraying or chafing of insulation around mounts and seals. Check connectors for loose wiring. Inspect battery terminals for corrosion and loose connections.

- O** **OIL** - Check oil levels while bike is warm on center stand. Inspect transmission, rear drive shaft and brake fluid levels as well as engine coolant. Look for gasket leaks. Inspect hoses and fuel lines for cracks and dry rot.
- C** **CHASSIS** - Look for cracks at gussets and accessory mounts. Raise front wheel and check for play by pushing and pulling forks. Check rear wheel for play by pushing and pulling swing arm. Insure shocks move freely. Check drive chain and belts.
- K** **KICKSTAND** - Thoroughly inspect centerstand and sidestand for cracks or bends. Ensure spring tension mechanism holds tension. Look for signs of rust or other wear. Inspect for missing or loose bolts or other hardware.